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SUBJECT: FOREIGN BUYER GROUP TO U.S. (SYMPOMECH
TEAM)

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1. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CHANGE IN PLANS FOR CZEHCOSLOVAK
VISITORS DESCRIBED REFTEL. 22-MAN CZECHOSLOVAK GROUP
ATTENDING FIP CONGRESS IN NEW YORK WILL ARRIVE NEW YORK

THURSDAY, MAY 23 AT 1840 ON PA 45 FROM PRAGUE. LARGER
PART OF GROUP (18 MEN) IS TO BE FLOWN FROM NEW YORK TO
WAUSAU, WISCONSIN ON JUNE 2 BY J.I. CASE COMPANY. THEY
WILL THEREAFTER VISIT CASE IN RACINE JUNE 3, CHICAGO JUNE 4,
AND BOSTON JUNE 5, AND LEAVE NEW YORK FOR PRAGUE JUNE 6.
WE UNDERSTAND ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE BY CASE AND
POSSIBLY OTHER U.S. FIRMS; CASE CONTACT IS RICHARD DIX,
ITMR. MANAGER, RACINE PHONE 636-6811.

2. MATEJKA AND HIS THREE ASSOCIATES LISTED REFTEL WOULD LIKE
TO LEAVE NEW YORK BY CAR SUNDAY, MAY 26, VISITING MAXIMUM
NUMBER OF FIRMS LISTED PARA 4 REFTEL AND ARRIVING WAUSAU BY
JUNE 2 TO REJOIN LARGER GROUP. WE NOTED TO MATEJKA THAT WE
HAD NOT YET HAD REPLY TO OUR EARLIER CABLE BUT THAT FOLLOWING
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SEQUENCE OF VISITS DURING PERIOD MAY 27-31 WOULD SEEM

SENSIBLE FROM POINT OF VIEW OF DRIVING:

- (A) AIRCO, UNION, NEW JERSEY;
- (B) FENWAY, PHILADELPHIA;
- (C) DUPONT, WILMINGTON;
- (D) BLACK & DECKER, TOWSON, MARYLAND;
- (E) ROCKWELL, PITTSBURGH;
- (G) SENCO, CINCINNATI.

IN ADDITION, GROUP WOULD IF POSSIBLE LIKE TO VISIT BATTELLE INSTITUTE AT COLUMBUS, OHIO (NOT LISTED REFTEL). MR. ROLAND GUY, HEAD OF BATTELLE'S CONSTRUCTION RESEARCH DIVISION, VISITED PRAGUE IN NOVEMBER 1972 AND MATEJKA ARRANGED SCHEDULE FOR HIM. MATEJKA ALSO WONDERS WHETHER THERE MIGHT BE MANUFACTURING FIRM IN COLUMBUS IN ONE OF FIELDS LISTED REFTEL.

3. MATEJKA AND THREE ASSOCIATES WILL PLAN TO LEAVE WAUSAU JUNE 3, AND COULD MEET JUNE 4-5 WITH WISCONSIN AND ILLINOIS FIRMS LISTED PARA 4 REFTEL, BEFORE FLYING TO NEW YORK IN TIME TO REJOIN LARGER GROUP AND LEAVE FOR PRAGUE JUNE 6.

4. IN VIEW MAY 23 DEPARTURE FROM PRAGUE WE WILL BE GRATEFUL FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE REPLY FROM COMMERCE AS TO ARRANGEMENTS.
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